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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER KOIRALA

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Classified By: Ambassador James F. Moriarty, Reasons, 1.4 (b/d).

¶1. (C) The Ambassador delivered the message from President Bush to Prime Minister Koirala (reftel) on May 17. The Ambassador extended the President's offer of congratulations and assistance to Nepal during this historic, hopeful, but difficult time. The Prime Minister expressed his appreciation for the President's letter. He agreed on the importance of unity among political parties, getting the army under civilian control and pursuing a cease-fire and disarmament with the Maoists. Koirala said that he hoped the other political parties in the seven-party alliance would decide on Cabinet portfolios by May 18 so he could fill his Cabinet. Immediately following that would be a proclamation limiting the King's powers and placing the army under civilian control.

Comment

¶2. (C) The Prime Minister was very thankful for the President's letter and U.S. support during this transition. He expressed some frustration that the other parties had not yet resolved internal differences to move forward with naming a Cabinet. However, he remained intent on keeping unity among the parties and believed giving them time to select a Cabinet would help accomplish this.
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